

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the following claims:

6. (Twice Amended) An ear type clinical thermometer according to claim 3 or 4, wherein the indicator is arranged on each side of a reference plane containing the center axis of the probe.

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7. (Twice Amended) An ear type clinical thermometer according to claim 3 or 4, wherein the main body has a first side where the probe protrudes from the main body and a second side opposite to this side, the second side being constructed of a curved surface having a substantially constant curvature along a direction perpendicular to a reference plane containing the center axis of the probe.

Please add the following new claim:

25. (New) An ear type clinical thermometer comprising:

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a main body configured to be held by hand at a time when an eardrum temperature is to be measured; and

a probe fixed to and protruding from the main body and configured to be inserted into an external auditory canal of a person whose eardrum temperature is to be measured, wherein:

the main body has a first side where the probe protrudes from the main body and a second side opposite to the first side and from which the user holds the main body, the second side forming a curved surface having a substantially constant curvature along a direction perpendicular to a reference plane containing a center axis of the probe, a center of curvature of this curved surface being located in the vicinity of a base end of the probe.